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AFTER DINNER LAST EVENING SELWYN LLOYD AND SECRETARY WITH AMBASSADOR WHITNEY AND MERCHANT PRESENT BEGAN THEIR TALK WHICH LASTED UNTIL AFTER TWELVE-THIRTY. LLOYD SAID HE HAD WITH HIM LONG DRAFT MESSAGE FROM MACMILLAN TO PRESIDENT. HE SAID IT WAS RESULT OF MANY HOURS COLLABORATION BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND HIMSELF AND THAT PRIME MINISTER WAS PREPARED TO DISPATCH IT IMMEDIATELY HIMSELF OR HAVE IT GO FORWARD TO WASHINGTON AS A MESSAGE CONCURRED IN BY SECRETARY OR ALTERNATIVELY COMMENTED ON CONCURRENTLY BY SECRETARY.

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① LLOYD SUPPLEMENTED HIS EXPOSITION OF THE DRAFT WITH LONG EXPLANATORY COMMENTARY.

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PROS AND CONS WERE DISCUSSED AT GREAT LENGTH. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT WHEREAS HE WAS AS ANXIOUS AS PRESIDENT TO FIND THE GROUNDS TO JUSTIFY CONVOKING SUMMIT CONFERENCE HE COULD NOT IN HONESTY AS OF NOW DETECT REALLY ANY PROGRESS WHATSOEVER. THERE HAD BEEN CLARIFICATION OF POSITIONS AND SHARPENING OF ISSUES BUT SOVIETS HAD MADE NO CONCESSIONS OTHER THAN EXTENDING THEIR ORIGINAL TIME PERIOD.

AS TO FORM OF TRANSMISSION SECRETARY SAID THAT HE PREFERRED MACMILLAN TO DISPATCH THAT MESSAGE ON HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY THAT SAME EVENING WITHOUT ANY INDICATION OF CONCURRENCE OR COMMENT BY SECRETARY HIMSELF. LLOYD WAS OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED BY SECRETARY'S ARGUMENTS.

AT ONE POINT LATE IN CONVERSATION THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE WAS EXPRESSING THOUGHT WHICH HAD JUST THAT MOMENT OCCURRED TO HIM WHICH WAS POSSIBILITY OF CANADIANS CALLING SUMMIT MEETING AT QUEBEC CITY IN LIGHT OF INABILITY OF GENEVA CONFERENCE TO RESOLVE BERLIN ISSUE. THIS OBVIOUSLY HAD GREAT APPEAL TO LLOYD AND SECRETARY REITERATED THAT IT WAS AN IDEA AND IN NO SENSE A SUGGESTION OR CONSIDERED THOUGHT.

TOWARD END OF TALK SELWYN LLOYD ASKED SECRETARY TO READ DRAFT MESSAGE WHICH MACMILLAN PLANNED TO SEND TO PRESIDENT.

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SECRETARY DEMURRED FOR SOME TIME SINCE HE HAD EXPRESSED HIS VIEWS IN GENERAL TERMS AND DID NOT WANT TO BE IN POSITION OF MAKING COMMENTS ON THE DETAILS OF WHAT MACMILLAN WISHED TO SAY. WHEN MR. LLOYD INSISTED SECRETARY READ OVER DRAFT AND TO HIS SURPRISE FOUND THAT AT VERY ONSET IT PREDICATED ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESIDENT ON SUMMIT ON RECEIVING FROM THE SOVIETS THE VERY CONCESSION WHICH WE HAD FELT MOST IMPORTANT, NAMELY, THE ACCEPTANCE OF OUR WORDING REGARDING ANY TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR BERLIN CONTAINED IN OUR JUNE 16 OFFER. MR. LLOYD SAID HE WAS PLANNING TO TALK TO MACMILLAN ON TELEPHONE AND THAT HE WOULD GIVE US THE FOLLOWING DAY COPY OF WHAT MACMILLAN FINALLY DECIDED TO SEND.

AT CONCLUSION OF TALK IT WAS AGREED THAT AT LUNCH MONDAY LLOYD WOULD PUSH GROMYKO HARD ON THE RIGHTS QUESTION IN AN EFFORT ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE FORMULATION OF THIS POINT IN OUR TO DOCUMENT OF JUNE 16 WAS ACCEPTABLE IN ITS PRESENT FORM.

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